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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above identified application as indicated below:

**In the Claims:**

Please add new claims 33-46 as follows:

--33.(New) A medical balloon comprising:

a body portion having a body wall thickness, a proximal cone portion having a proximal cone wall thickness, a proximal waist portion having a proximal waist wall thickness, a distal cone portion having a distal cone wall thickness, and a distal waist portion having a distal waist wall thickness,

wherein at least one of the proximal waist wall thickness and the distal waist wall thickness is no thicker than at least one of the proximal cone wall thickness, the distal cone wall thickness, and the body wall thickness.

34.(New) The medical balloon of claim 33 wherein the proximal waist wall thickness is no thicker than the proximal cone wall thickness.

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